

# Lesson 8

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## Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

**ancient** *adj.* Very old; of a long time ago.  
*ān' chānt* The **ancient** city of Carthage was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C.E.

**century** *n.* A period of one hundred years.  
*sen' chā ē* The twenty-first **century** began on January 1, 2001.

**chamber** *n.* A room.  
*chām' bār* The queen always has breakfast in her **chamber** before she comes downstairs.

**chambers** *n. pl.* An office or group of offices.  
Lawyers for both sides met in the judge's **chambers**.

**descend** *v.* To go or come down.  
*di send'* The plane slowly **descended** to 2,000 feet.

**descendant** *n.* One who has certain persons as one's parents, grandparents, etc.  
The writer Alex Haley was a **descendant** of Kunta Kinte, who was brought to America as a slave from West Africa in 1767.

**entry** *n.* 1. A way in.  
*en' trē* The thieves gained **entry** through an unlocked window.  
2. Each separate item in a diary or list.  
The next **entry** in her diary simply said, "My brother returned home today after a long absence."

**interior** *n.* The inside part of something.  
*in tir' ē ar* The sun's **interior** is about 150,000 times hotter than boiling water.  
*adj.* Having to do with the inside part.  
**Interior** doors do not have to be as strongly made as front or back doors.

**intrude** *v.* To come or go in without permission or welcome.  
*in trōd'* I didn't mean to **intrude** on you while you were working.  
**intrusion** *n.* The act of intruding.  
"Forgive my **intrusion**," she said as she came in without knocking.  
**intruder** *n.* One who intrudes.  
People were so unfriendly that I felt like an **intruder** at Jeff's party.

**locate**  
lō' kāt

*v.* 1. To find.

Marta **located** the missing books in less than an hour.

2. To put or to be found in a place.

We're going to **locate** our office across the street from the school.

**location** (lō kā' shən) *n.* The place where something can be found.

Will you please give me the **location** of the nearest post office?

**passage**  
pā' sij

*n.* 1. A part of a written work or piece of music.

The final **passage** of the Mozart mass brought tears to the audience's eyes.

2. The act or process of passing, as through time or from place to place.

His deeply lined face clearly showed the **passage** of time.

3. A way through which to pass.

Leon's room was at the end of a long, dimly lit **passage**.

**portion**  
pōr' shən

*n.* 1. A part or share of the whole.

I got the first **portion** of my allowance last week.

2. A serving or helping, as of food.

My diet recommends a four-ounce **portion** of fish or chicken once a day.

**precious**  
pre' shəs

*adj.* 1. Very valuable.

The necklace was made of diamonds, emeralds, and other **precious** stones.

2. Much loved.

She tried in vain to save her **precious** books from the fire.

**quarry**  
kwôr' ē

*n.* 1. A deep pit where stone is cut out of the ground.

The marble for these tiles came from a **quarry** in Vermont.

2. An animal that is being hunted.

The hunters gave up the chase when they lost sight of their **quarry**.

**ramp**  
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*n.* A slanted walk or roadway that connects a lower to a higher place.

The law says that there has to be a **ramp** for those who cannot use the steps.

**spacious**  
spā' shəs

*adj.* Having lots of room.

The **spacious** kitchen had room for a large round table that seated eight.

**surface**  
sūr' fəs

*n.* 1. The outside layer; the top.

The **surface** of the moon is covered with craters.

2. An outward look or appearance.

He seemed cheerful on the **surface**, but I knew how miserable he must have felt to be so cold and wet.

*v.* To rise to the top of a body of water.

The latest submarines can stay underwater for weeks before they need to **surface**.